



## ***IRONHORSE SAFETY POLICY***

Safety is "the condition of being safe from undergoing or causing hurt, injury, or loss." As it pertains to the Marines and Sailors of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 461, safety is inherent in our mission success. It is part of everything we do.

Our mission is demanding. Our success will be measured not only in the performance of our tasks today, but also in preserving our resources for the fights of tomorrow. Our resources are aircraft, equipment, money, and time; but most importantly,

***• We have been entrusted with the most precious of our Nation's resources - its sons and daughters.***

We all share this sacred trust; we are all in this together. Marine or Sailor, officer or enlisted, I expect each of us to:

- **Lead by example.** Do the right thing for the right reasons. Follow the proper orders/rules/procedures, wear Personal Protective Equipment, and do not cut corners. Be thorough and conscientious - even if no one is watching. Seniors motivate juniors; juniors inspire seniors.
- **Think before you act.** Consider the risks and rewards of any course of action before embarking on it, both on and off-duty. Identify and assess risks before they arise, develop and implement control measures, and then ask "Is this really worth it?" Do not accept unnecessary risk; ask for a second opinion if in doubt.
- **Look out for one another.** Most accidents are preventable; help the Marine next to you make the right call, especially while on liberty. We all make mistakes; help each other avoid those that lead to injury and death. When Marines are together, one is senior - always. Seek and accept the responsibility that you have earned, be a Guardian Angel; if something isn't right, speak up!

Our loads are often heavy, and the injury or loss of anyone means that the rest will carry that much more. We owe each other, and our Nation, to remember the sacred trust we all share.

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